

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 22 of the specification, please replace the sole paragraph on that page and replace it with the following paragraph:

A multi-axial bone fixation implant includes an elongated member, one or more bone anchor assemblies, and stabilizer members fitted within the elongated member. A bolt having a bone-threaded end and a machine-threaded end and an enlarged medial portion is also provided. The bolt is anchored into a bone, and its machine-threaded end passes through the elongated member and the stabilizer, and is engaged by a coupled washer and nut. The washer includes an oblong aperture, and the nut includes a projecting sleeve. The sleeve is inserted into the washer and expanded, and the washer retains the sleeve without impairing relative rotatability or translatability of the nut and washer. When locked by the nut and washer, the enlarged portion of the bolt is forced against the stabilizer, which locks against the elongated member. The elongated member can be fixed with respect to the anchor at an infinite number of multi-axial angles.